Voice of Her Fingertips

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I thought of myself...
...as a lazy, apathetic, and boring person.
Future Career Survey
Year Month Day
Style
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August Edition
Hey, what are you going to do, Saeki-chan?
They said our future plan forms are due tomorrow
...Hmmm...

Yawn...
What a pain
Someone choose for me
Oh my
This girl has zero motivation
What?
Kurata-san
She's sketching
Again?
Ohh...
You're right She's always like that Is she in the Arts club?
Look who's talking
But I just don't feel motivated to do anything
I'm amazed at people who participate in clubs
I would never be able to do it.
Oh
She looks so serious Like she's too calm, or too adult-like
It's not like she's disliked but she's always alone
She's kind of a loner
I wonder if she's an otaku?
Maybe she's a weirdo?
HAHA

...
Is that really how she is?
She's the typical quiet and calm serious person.
But for some reason, she has a strong presence to me.
For some reason
My eyes always follow her...
...

Oh
RUSTLE
CLATTER
CLACK
Oh, is this...
Sorry, was I loud?
Huh?
Oh
...No
It's fine.
...Oh
Kurata-san...
CLATTER
Ugh

Ugh....
...The conversation didn't last.
Ummm...
TAP
Are you going home now?
Hm? Yes
the first time we've had a conversation...?
I see
Hmm.
silence...
clutter
You always have that with you
Huh?
What are you drawing? Show me
Oh Sorry, this is
Come on I won't laugh
Is it for practicing purposes?
It's not like that
This isn't a drawing for people to see

...Oh,
I wonder if that came out harshly.
Emmm...
...
...
!
Huh?
What do you mean?
If you're not going to show anyone then what's the point of drawing?
Oh
My bus
Huh?
Well, I'm going home
Oh
...
rattle
shut
tap
tap
tap
tap

the kind of person I find difficult...
flip
If she didn't want to show me,
she should have changed the topic.
She might actually be...
She sure goes at her own pace...
flip
...What is?

What is it that I find difficult?
...Oh
Good morning
I'm waiting for the bus
The weather's nice, so I thought I'd just skip
M'
Morning
What are you doing? The first bell's about to ring
Huh?
Sk—?
Even though we're right in front of school?
I thought it'd be fine since it's a Saturday
Oh, it's here
See you

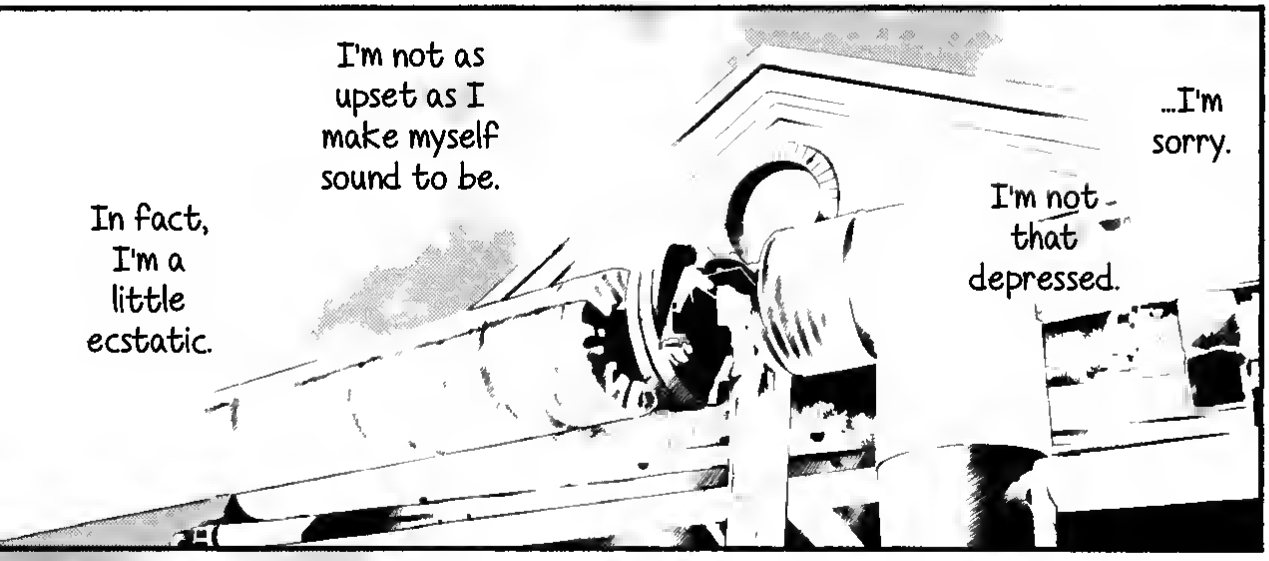
Wai-
BEEEP
The doors are now closing.
Please enter
Huuh?
Wai-
Psshhhhh
Oh
min-
Wait a
...
...
Would you like to come with me?
Um

What is this place?
An abandoned coal mine. You didn't know?
Ahh..
Something might, I've heard stuff like that about here
What
..Are we even allowed to go inside?
Probably not
Wahh
I feel like something might come out
Huh?
Ca-Can we?
We're going in through a hole in the wall
I said probably not. You want to stop?
...
What?

Um
I'm just a little surprised
You seem like the calm, serious type
Well
I just really felt like drawing
I was thinking
about yesterday's conversation this whole time
Huh?
Yesterday?
About why I would draw something I wouldn't show anyone
You asked, right?
Can I look?
Yeah
And then I started wondering
Huh?
This whole time?
Yeah
I wondered and wondered but I still didn't know,
and then I got a sudden urge to draw

I just have to draw
Feelings that I want to get across, feelings I don't want to get across, feelings that won't end up getting across
If I can't say something well, I want to draw
I'm not very good at talking but
And now I think I know
These drawings are probably my words
...
things that I love
And especially
This is why I find her difficult.
I'm no good
I'm lazy and apathetic
I don't have something I like, nor have I thought about it
...I see
You're amazing

You like architec-ture,
don't you, Saeki-san?
...
I'm jealous
and I keep comparing myself to her.
Huh
You do, don't you?
Huh?
You some-times read those kinds of magazines
Huhh?
Wh-why does she know?
No. That's just
something I do in my spare time, it's not something I really get into
Isn't that fine?



Because I'm having this kind of conversation with you.

My words
that I spoke
so carefree

are now resonating
in you and have
brought out this
conversation.

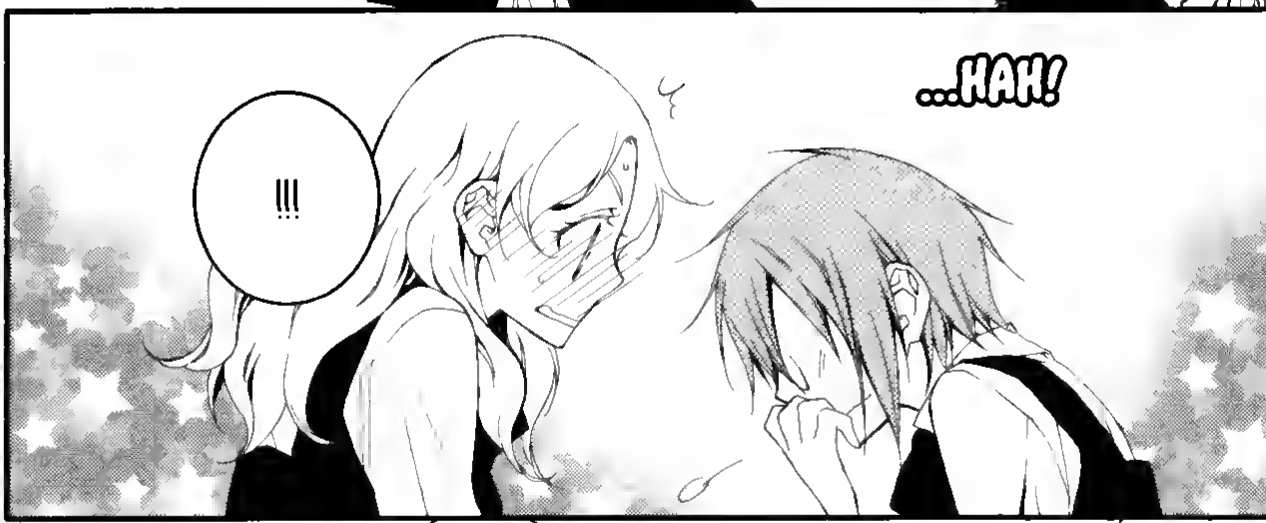
It makes me happy
to think that I
have that much of
a presence in you.

I want to hear a little more.
See a little more.
No, not at all
You weren't bored?
This person's drawings.
This person's words.
.....
I don't want to.
Not that much
Really? But let's go home now
Yeah
...Hey,
will you come back here sometime?
Hm?
Yeah, maybe another two, three times
SQUEEZE
Oh
This person herself.

Then,
um,
can I...
come with-
Hm?
"Something might come out."
...Saeki-san?
...What's wrong?
Let's go?
"...Some-thing might"
Gh!

Kurata-san...!!
...
Th-this! This way!
Y-you can't look over there!
Hurry, we have to get out of
shake
shake
What are you
Oh?
Huh!?
"O-
Oh"...!?
That's it?

...
bluuuuush
He's kind of a weird design, isn't he
He's probably some kind of sign
I wonder if he was an idol among the miners


...HAH!
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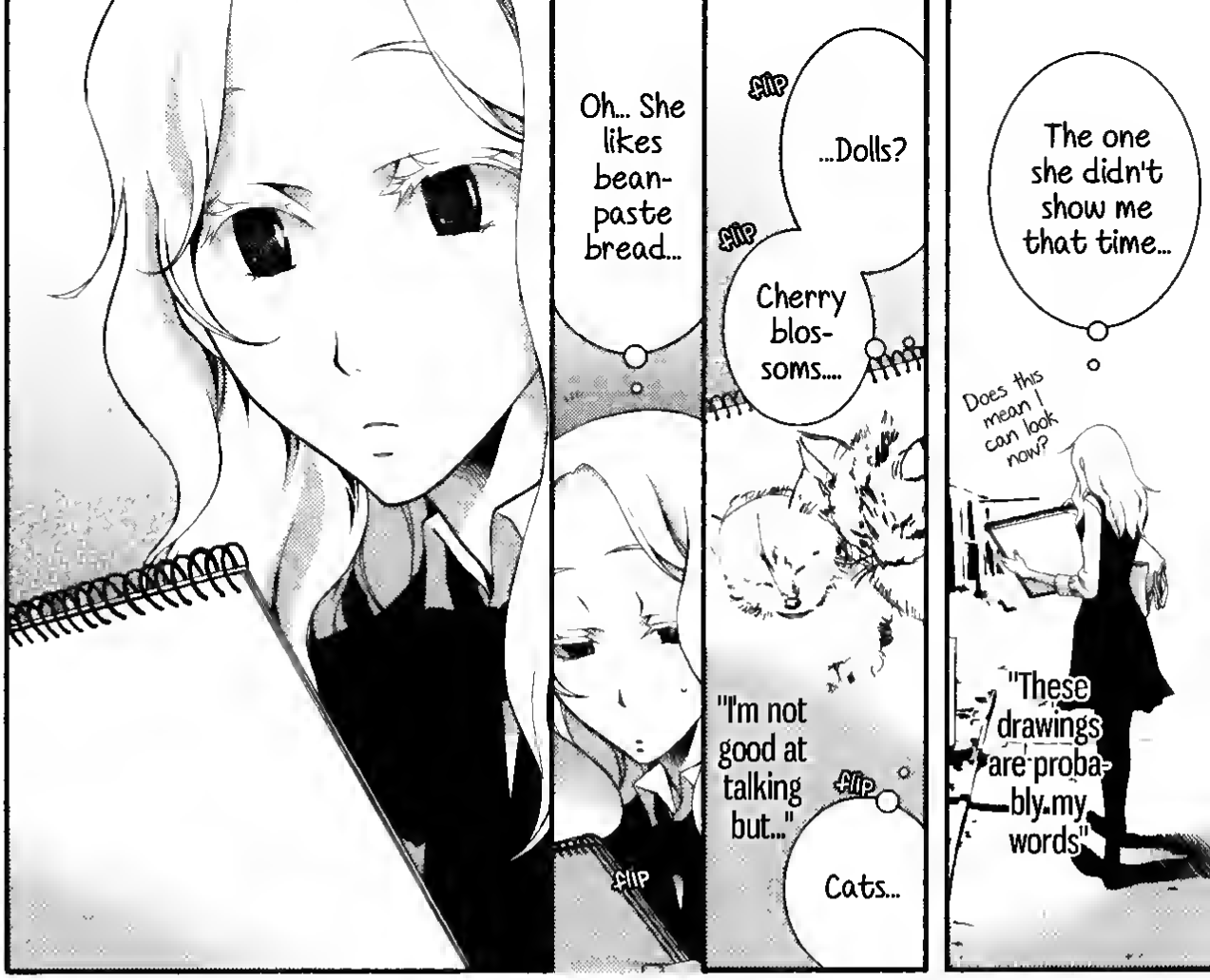
S- sorry, I didn't mean
it's just
You're usually so brave, Saeki-san,
but you were shaking like a leaf!
Well, I mean...!!

Cute
I..
I also
HA
HA
had a small scare the first time
HA
HA
That thing is definitely
strange..

Oh
...
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
Kura—.
!

shove
turn
crunch
tap
tap
tap
Wh...
what...?
Oh, this
is...



"No matter what..."

"I just have to draw."

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